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STAFF WILL ASK THE BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THESE TWO LETTERS RE THE ARRT PROJECT.

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The Honorable Senator Edward M. Kennedy United States Senate 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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